State Govt. in June, 1986, and November 1988 respectively for furnishing the lacking details. The same has not been received from the State Government so far.

[*English*]

New Forest Policy by World Bank

4507. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has announced its new forest policy under which it has given certain suggestions to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Government have seen Press Reports to the effect that World Bank has announced a new Forest Policy. However, no official communication thereof has been received by the Government from the World Bank.

Pending Irrigation Projects in Orissa

4508. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) The details of major, medium and minor irrigation projects in Orissa pending with the Union Government for environmental clearance;

(b) whether these projects are pending since long; and

(c) if so, the steps taken for early clearance of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Only major irrigation projects are referred to the Ministry for environmental consideration. No irrigation project from Orissa is presently pending for environmental clearance.

Modifications of the Policy Regarding out-of-turn Allotment of D.D.A. Flats

4509. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present and previous guidelines/policy enunciated by the Government in the matter of out-of-turn allotment of D.D.A. Flats to registered as well as unregistered persons;

(b) when were these guidelines policies revised/modified;

(c) whether the policy/guidelines are being and has been scrupulously followed without any exception;

(d) the level on which these guidelines/policies are approved;

(e) whether there is any proposal to further modify these guidelines/policy in the wake of suggestions received from the M.Ps; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The details of present and previous guidelines/policy for out of turn allotment of DDA flats are given as per statement given below:

(c) Out of turn allotments are approved by the Competent Authority on the merits of each case as per guidelines laid down by the Government.

(d) The guidelines/policy of out of turn allotment of DDA flats are approved at the level of Urban Development Minister.

(e) No such proposal is under consideration.

(f) Question does not arise.

STATEMENT

In February, 1982, guidelines were issued by the Government providing, inter alia, that the power for out of turn allotment of DDA flats would vest only with the Chairman, DDA and only on ground of extreme compassion and hardships and only to registrants of housing schemes. However, this condition of registration may be relaxed in the case of widows. Such allotments made in any calendar year shall not exceed 0.5% of the total number of flats allotted during that year.

The guidelines were revised in July, 1983 and VC, DDA was also authorised to make such allotments in respect of registrants subject to the overall limit of 0.5%. The requirement of registration was waived in the case of physically handicapped persons in addition to widows.

In December, 1984 the above ceiling was raised from 0.5% to 1.5%.

The guidelines were revised further in June, 1985 raising the ceiling to 2.5% and requiring that reasons for such allotments would be recorded in writing and will be exercisable in exceptional cases on grounds of extreme compassion and hardship, physical disability and other compelling reasons and circumstances.

In April 1989, LG, Delhi was further authorised to extend the benefit of out of turn allotments of flats within the ceiling of 2½% to such other cases which in his opinion deserve special consideration. This would enable him to consider the cases of outstanding sportsmen who have brought glory to the nation and have been honoured with national awards, Defence personnel who have own gallentry awards for the defence of the motherland and cases of distinguished services in other fields of national life.

In October 1989, this facility was further extended to such members of All India Services who are due to superannuate in the next 5 years and belong to such cadres as suffer from local disability of acquiring a house in the State of allotment.

Labour Laws in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

4510. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether strict labour laws are not persued amongst various districts in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The enforcement of Labour Laws is being done through the Central and State enforcement machinery in the various districts in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Smriti Vans

4511. SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chosen five and a half lakh sites all over the country for setting up Smriti Vans or forests;